expenditure of Rs. 39.75 crores has been approved for drought relief in Orissa. In addition to this, Rs. 6.00 lakhs for increasing vegetable production and Rs. 11.00 crores for completion of irrigation projects have also been approved under drought relief programmes.

(e) No, Sir.

Assistance for drinking water for Orissa

53. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Central assistance asked by the Government of Orissa for drinking water supply during the year 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) what is the amount sanctioned so far and when was it sactioned;

(c) what are the guide--lines followed by Government in sanctioning such assistance; and

(d) whether the Government of Orissa's request has fulfilled the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Central assistance for drinking water supply in rural areas is provided to State/UT Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). In 1986-87, an amount of Rs. 12.78 crores was allocated to the State Government of Orissa under ARWSP which was released in full in 3 instalments on 14-5-1986, 4.6.1986 and 19.12.1986. During 1987-88 against their allocation of Rs. 12.69 crores, Rs. 9.90 crores has been released so far in two instalments on 1-4-1987 and 25-9-1987.

(c) Funds under ARWSP are released to the State/UT Governments subject to matching budget provision for rural water supply under the state sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and subject to the other prescribed conditions. The first instalment of 50 per cent of the allocation is released without any condition. The second instalment is released after details regarding utilisation of 50 per cent of available funds during the year, unutilised amount of the previous year and audited certificates for the earlier period etc. are made available by the State Governments.

(d) The State Government had fulfilled the guidelines for the funds released in 1986-87. In regard to 1987-88 the fulfilment of the prescribed conditions will be relevant at the time of release of last instalment out of the total allocation under ARWSP.

Review of NREP in Orissa

54. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent under the National Rural Employment Programme in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) what was the rate of wages fixed and paid to the workers engaged under N.R.E.P. in the State during the same period; and

(c) whether N.R.E.P. work of the State of Orissa has been reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Expenditure incurred under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) in Orissa during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)
1984—85	2064·27
1985—86	2063·86
1986—87	2813·73

(b) Payment of wages under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) is required to be made at the rate of minimum wages fixed under Minimum Wages Act. For the years 1984-85 and 1985-86, the wage rates were reportedly Rs. 6.00 and Rs. 7.50 respectively per manday. This was raised to Rs. 10 per manday during 1986-87.

(c) Review of implementation of National Rural Employment Programme in different States and Union Territories is a regular exercise done by the Department of Rural Development in the Ministry of Agriculture from time to time

Cost of storage of wheat

55. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of storage of wheat for one year is equal to the 50 per cent of the cost of the same quantity of wheat stored in Food Corporation of India godowns;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the present stock position in FCI godowns, i.e. one year old, two years old and three years old and their depreciated value after deducting the storage cost;

(c) whether Government have examined the question of releasing foodgrains at 50 per cent cost after one year storage to the needy consumers; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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Advertisements on Tobacco or Alcoholic Drinks

56. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether VOICE, a consumer protection organisation had recently called upon the Doordarshan to ensure that no advertisements pertaining to tobacco or alcoholic drinks are allowed to enter Television camera frames while covering sporting events; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction to this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. However, a news item to this effect which appeared in the Press has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise. However, as a matter of general guideline, Doordarshan staff have been instructed to avoid focussing camera on hoardings displaying alcoholic drinks etc. However, this is not always possible in telecast of international and other important events, for the reason that the hoardings are placed at vantage positions where camera has necessarily to focus to capture a particular scene of action. As per the Code for Commercial Advertisement for Doordarshan, advertisements promoting use of tobacco and alcohol are not allowed.

Employment to Rural Landless Labourers in Madhya Pradesh

57. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the districts of Madhya Pradesh had been severely affected by drought;